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Neha Sangwan | UWW

YOUTH TO THE FORE AS GRAPPLERS LEAD INDIA'S GOLD RUSH IN JORDAN

Neha, Pulkit star as Indian women wrestlers win five gold medals at the U17 World meet in Amman, Jordan, to win women's championships

NEHA HAILS FROM VINESH'S VILLAGE

Mansi (73 kg), Neha Sangwan (57 kg), Pulkit (65kg) and Aditi (43 kg) bagged a gold each in their respective weight categories. Neha, who hails from wrestler Vinesh Phogat's village Balali in Haryana, defeated World No 3 So Tsutsui 10-0 via technical superiority in the final. Pulkit made a golden return after an injury lay-off of over two years following surgery

HISTORIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR INDIA

- On Friday, Kajal defeated Rybak Oleksandra of Ukraine in the 69 kg final to win fifth gold for the country. She won 9-2
- The gold helped India beat Japan to win the historic team championship in the women's freestyle after falling short for the last five years. Japan were in the race until late on Friday | P17

Five

THE NUMBER OF GOLD MEDALS INDIA WOMEN HAVE WON AT THE U17 WORLDS

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

PM's talk time nudge in Ukraine for peace

Says ready to play active role, pushes for talks to end war

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday sought to nudge Ukraine and Russia to the talks table without wasting any time to find a solution to end their ongoing war, in his interaction with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv.

He added that he had come with a message of peace. This was the first visit of any Indian PM to Ukraine.

"We (India) are not neutral. From the very beginning, we have taken sides. And we have chosen the side of peace. We have come from the land of Buddha where there is no place for war," Modi said in his opening remarks during the talks with Zelenskyy. "I have come with a message of peace, from India and the Global South. We are ready to take part in peace efforts. Our approach is people centric and we support sovereignty and territorial integrity," Modi said.

He mentioned his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin last month where he reaffirmed that the resolution of the conflict should be through dialogue and diplomacy. "We come from the land of Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi and have always favoured peace. Both you and President Putin should sit across and find a solution."

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar later said Modi reiterated the need for "practical engagement" between all stakeholders to develop an innovative solution that will help build broad acceptability and contribute towards peace and stability. The prime minister conveyed India's willingness to contribute in all possible ways to facilitate an early return of peace to Ukraine, he said, adding it was a "very detailed, open and in many ways constructive discussion".

Modi arrived in Kyiv by train and the meeting between the two leaders lasted three hours. Earlier, they paid homage at the Martyrilogist Exposition, which honours the memories of children who have lost their lives in a Russian missile attack the day Modi was in Moscow in July. "Conflict is particularly devastating for young children. My heart goes out to the families of children who lost their lives, and I pray that they find the strength to endure their grief," said Modi, who placed a toy in their memory.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi embraces Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in Kyiv on Friday | PTI

My visit to Ukraine was historic. I had productive talks with President @ZelenskyyUa. India firmly believes that peace must always prevail

—Narendra Modi, PM

Four pacts

India and Ukraine on Friday inked four agreements and resolved to enhance their cooperation in a range of areas including agriculture, defence, trade, pharma, green energy, and education

Charges against CM: Notice to Lokayukta cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TAKING serious exception to the conduct of the Lokayukta Police, the special court to try cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs has issued a show cause notice to the investigation officer (IO) for failing to conduct a fresh probe into the allegations against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in a bribery case, though the IO was directed to do so six months ago.

Noting that the Lokayukta Police did not bother to conduct the probe despite its directive issued on February 21, the court passed this order and marked a copy to the SP of Lokayukta to instruct the IO to comply with it.Investigating officer Thippeswamy HJ told the court that he was not informed about the directive and submitted that he could not obey it due to miscommunication. Taking exception to this, Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat ordered issue of the show cause notice and adjourned the hearing to September 12.

In his petition, former BBMP councillor NR Ramesh protested against the 'B' report filed by the Lokayukta Police. He alleged that Siddaramaiah, during his first stint as CM, received a cheque for Rs 1.3 crore on July 28, 2014, as bribe from L Vivekananda alias King's Court Vivek, managing director of Vivek Hotels, Mysuru, to appoint him as steward of Bengaluru Turf Club Limited. Based on this, the court issued a directive to register a private complaint and called for a status report from the Lokayukta Police. On June 7, 2023, the Deputy SP, Karnataka Lokayukta, filed a closure report contending that "there was no act of quid-pro-quo made out against the accused".

EXPRESS READ

K'taka submits fresh plea on Mekedatu

Chennai: The Karnataka government has submitted a fresh application seeking Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Mekedatu dam from the Union environment ministry. Regarding clearance of interstate issues, Karnataka officials said the protocol for according approval for ToR by the Union environment ministry does not seek clearance of inter-state issues as a prerequisite | P5

BNSS Sec 479 to apply to undertrials

New Delhi: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Friday that the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023's Section 479, which relates to the maximum period for which an undertrial prisoner can be detained, will apply retrospectively to undertrials across the country. The top court took note of the submission and directed jail superintendents across the country to process applications through the courts concerned upon the completion of one-third of the period.

HC ASKS CBI TO TAKE OVER RG KAR CORRUPTION PROBE

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

THE Calcutta High Court on Friday transferred the probe by the West Bengal government-constituted SIT into alleged financial irregularities at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital during the tenure of former principal Sandip Ghosh, to the CBI. The ruling came on a petition by the hospital's former deputy superintendent Dr Akhtar Ali seeking an Enforcement Directorate probe into the irregularities.

A single-judge bench of Justice Rajarshi Bharadwaj said that since the probe into the brutal rape-murder of a junior doctor at the hospital on August 9 has been entrusted to the CBI, investigation into this matter, too, ought to be transferred to the same agency to ensure a comprehensive and unbiased inquiry.

The HC directed the CBI to take over the investigation by Saturday 10 am by when the state administration must hand over all case-related documents including the case diary and CCTV footages. The CBI has been directed to submit a status report by September 17, when the HC will hear the matter next.

Meanwhile, a city court permitted the CBI to conduct a polygraph test on Ghosh and five others in connection with the rape-murder case.

Sebi bans Anil Ambani from securities mkt for five years

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Securities and Exchange Board of India has banned industrialist Anil Ambani and 24 others, including key Reliance Home Finance officials, from the securities market for five years on charges of creating a "fraudulent scheme to siphon off money from the company by structuring it as loans to credit-unworthy borrowers". The regulator also slapped a fine of ₹25 crore on Ambani and restrained him from serving as a director or Key Managerial Personnel in any listed company for five years.

Apart from Anil Ambani, those debarred and fined include the former officials of Reliance Home Finance Amit Bapna, Ravindra Sudhalkar, and Pinkesh Shah. Ambani, Bapna, Sudhalkar, and Shah have been fined ₹25 crore, ₹27 crore, ₹26 crore, and ₹21 crore, respectively, Sebi said in its order dated August 22.

According to Sebi, Anil Ambani, aided by the key managerial personnel of Reliance Home Finance, devised a scheme to siphon off funds by disguising them as loans to entities associated with him.

'Kaanu' will help in the research of adivasi culture and tradition

South India's first adivasi library opens tomorrow

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

SOUTH India's first adivasi library, 'Kaanu', will be inaugurated at BR Hills in Chamarajanagar district on August 25. 'Kaanu' means evergreen forest in Soliga language. It will be the first South Indian Adivasi Knowledge Centre.

There is no institution dedicated for research on various aspects related to adivasis in South India.

Scholars from tribal communities held talks with Prashanth N Srinivas, a medical doctor and public health researcher at BR Hills, and Wraner from Germany last year and decided to set up this exclusive library to showcase works and promote research on Jenu Kuruba, Kadu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba, Soliga and other forest-based tribes.

'Kaanu' has been set up at the Institute of Public Health building with 1,200 books, research papers and contemporary works on South Indian forest tribes by adivasis and non-adivasis.

Students and scholars doing research on tribal people living in the forests can visit 'Kaanu' and make use of the facilities there. P5